

## Message Text

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PK, US

SUBJECT: BHUTTO DEATH SENTENCE

REF: A) ISLAMABAD 2692; B) ISLAMABAD 2704

1. WE DO NOT PLAN AT THIS TIME TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE  
YOUR DEMARCHE RECOMMENDING CLEMENCY SINCE CASE REMAINS  
WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PAKISTAN.  
(PRESS GUIDANCE FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.)

2. IF FRIENDLY AMBASSADORS INQUIRE ABOUT USG ACTION RE  
BHUTTO DEATH SENTENCE, YOU MAY INFORM THEM ON A CONFIDEN-  
TIAL BASIS THAT DEMARCHE WAS MADE BUT THAT YOU ARE CON-  
STRAINED TO MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE CONTENTS  
OF OUR BILATERAL APPROACH TO THE GOP. VANCE

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